

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens or distinguished themselves through significant personal achievement; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Becky Hicks, who has been named by the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce as Educator of the Year; and

Whereas, Becky Hicks teaches second grade at Barbara Blanchard Elementary, and immediately prior to that she was a second grade teacher at May Greene Elementary; and

Whereas, Becky Hicks received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Valparaiso University, her Master of Arts in Teaching from Webster University, and she has attended Concordia Teacher’s College in River Forest, Illinois, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis; and

Whereas, Becky Hicks began her teaching career in 1975 as a third and fourth grade teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Evansville, Indiana, and she relocated to Cape Girardeau and served as a substitute teacher and teacher’s assistant at May Greene, Jefferson, and Franklin Elementary schools; and

Whereas, Becky Hicks has been very active in school related activities and professional development opportunities including several curriculum development committees, Accelerated Reading Coordinator for over ten years, led workshops on Elementary Science Connection, and served as a presenter for many workshops in the state, and she has received numerous awards including a very prestigious honor as the 2006 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, where she represented Missouri in Washington, D.C. to receive the honor from President Bush and received a week-long professional development opportunity with some of the best scientists and educators in the nation; and

Whereas, Becky Hicks will be formally honored at the 15th Annual Educator of the Year Banquet to be held May 1, 2008, at the Drury Lodge in Cape Girardeau:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Becky Hicks on the illustrious occasion of being honored as the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Becky Hicks.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke, District No. 157

Representative Mary C. Kasten, District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1788, adopted April 14, 2008.



Rod Jetton, Speaker